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Title: METHOD OF BINDING PARTICLES TO BINDER TREATED FIBERS

AMENDMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment set forth below. Reasons why the amendment is needed, why the newly introduced claims require no additional search or examination, why the new claims are patentable, and why the new claims were not earlier presented are set forth below.

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